Then, Sir, I agree with my friend Sri Gowda regarding the interpretation of the word "dealer". Whether a food-grain producer can be turned into a dealer or not, will have to be clarified by Government.

Then, in para 10 of the Report the Committee have suggested an increase of 1 per cent in the tax on bicycles. The Report says "since bicycles are used by middle and poor classes, the Committee feel that it is sufficient if the existing rate is enhanced by one per cent." I would say that the Committee should have said that since that particular thing is used by middle and poor classes it ought to be exempted but since the Committee have retained the tax it clearly shows that the Committee are not in favour of the poor or middle class, but they are only favouring the merchant class and the richer class.

Then, fertilizer is most essential to the public, but it is made scarce by the Government officers and the merchant class put together and the agriculturists have been squeezed. To increase the tax on this commodity is really putting obstacles in the way of the grow more food production programme. Even though some factories have been started by the Government of India to increase the production of chemical fertilizers, our country is still not coming up to the mark and we have to import this commodity from abroad. If we compare the price of imported goods from Japan, our price is almost double, but even though the price of imported goods is too high, yet it is very difficult for the agriculturist to get this commodity. In spite of this, the Committee have proposed an increase in the rate of tax on this commodity. I hope Government will consider this sympathetically and reduce this rate of tax because it will hit the agriculturists who are mainly producing wealth for our country. Instead of helping them, this will come in the way of increasing the production.

Then at the end of para 13, the Committee have suggested "in what manner this particular sector could be taxed will have to be examined by the Government." This is really strange. We are trying to increase our electric power since 4 to 5 years.

Mr. SPEAKER.—These suggestions do not become part of the Bill.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Why should they make a suggestion ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It was the feeling of the Committee. They knew their limits. They could not do anything else but to report so, so that in future Government may consider bringing forward suitable amendments for the same.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would not allow any suggestion to be passed by the House by vote.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—When we entrust the Bill to a Select Committee, we do so to make certain changes in the Bill, but we do not give them authority to make suggestions for future taxation. I find that this Committee has recommended tax on 15 articles to be imposed in future. In this the Committee have exceeded their limits.

With these words, I would again plead that the tax on chemical fertilizers should be deleted, that is very essential.

Motion for Extension of Time for Presentation of Report of Select Committee on the Mysore Building Tax Bill, 1962.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—Sir, I may be permitted to make a motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I beg to move :

"That under sub-rule (1) of Rule 238, the time fixed for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on the Mysore Building Tax Bill, 1962 be extended to 27th September 1962."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That under sub-rule(1) of Rule

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238, the time fixed for the presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on the Mysore Building Tax Bill, 1962, be extended to 27th September, 1962."

The motion was adopted.

MR. SPEAKER.—The House will now adjourn and meet at 1 P.M. tomorrow.

The House adjourned at Six of the Clock to meet again at One of the Clock on Tuesday, the 25th September 1962.